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## Lt. Gen. Marquez speaks at MPOY banquet

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore  
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Davis-Monthan community showed up in full force Feb. 26 to give their support to those nominated for maintenance professional of the year and Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez awards during the 2004 MPOY awards banquet.

The guest speaker for the event was retired Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez, an Air Force maintenance icon.

The evening offered attendees the opportunity to dine under the wings of vintage aircraft at the Pima Air and Space Museum, mingle with co-workers and honor accomplishments of D-M's maintenance personnel while engulfed in a sea of camouflage.

The MPOY banquet attire is the battle dress uniform because maintenance personnel get dirty for a living, said Master Sgt. Stephen Scheidt 355th Maintenance Group superintendent. This is what they are comfortable in.

The banquet honored Airmen from the 355th Wing, the 55th Electronic Combat Group and the 563rd Rescue Group.

The process of selecting the winners was not an easy task, however, these individuals stood out above their peers, said Master Sgt. Paul Hayter, MPOY awards banquet co-master of ceremonies.

A wide range of awards were presented during the evening including the Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez awards whose name sake shared his experiences.

Traveling across the globe to attend maintenance awards events General Marquez continues to impact Airmen after his retirement. During each trip General Marquez dedicates time to visiting with Airman on the flightline to discuss the issues they face.

"The neat thing about this is 18 years after I retired I am still here," General Marquez said. "I still get to see the troops and work with them."

General Marquez's legacy can still be seen in the maintenance career field.

After paper work he submitted to establish a maintenance badge was denied because it was against Air Force policy, he again addressed the



Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Retired Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez speaks to attendees of the Maintenance Professional of the Year awards banquet Feb. 26 held at the Pima Air and Space Museum.

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## Heritage Flight Conference kicks off today at Davis-Monthan

By Stephanie Ritter  
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 2005 Heritage Flight Conference flying kicks-off today at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

"The HFC is a training opportunity for Air Combat Command demo pilots and Heritage Flight civilian pilots to train to fly together during airshows," said Lt. Col. Phil Fluhr, 355th Training Squadron and installation project office for the HFC. "The conference will last through Sunday."

During the weekend's conference, all six single-ship ACC demonstration teams, two active-duty F-

4 pilots, 11 currently certified and approved civilian HF pilots and one newly selected civilian HF pilot will train together.

"This conference helps new pilots get trained and returning pilots get proactive before the upcoming airshows," said Maj. Todd Daggett, ACC Aerial Events Branch chief. "It helps us make sure the pilots are safe and ready to fly."

While the main goal of the conference is training, the Davis-Monthan community is invited to watch.

"When you go to an airshow, whether it's the one D-M will host in April or someone else's later

in the year, you will have maybe one chance to see a heritage flight performer," Colonel Fluhr said. "However, during the HFC, all of the HF pilots are together. This provides a great opportunity for the D-M community to see all of them perform at one location."

Just like the daily flight schedules at D-M, Colonel Fluhr warns that the scheduled flights during the conference are subject to change.

Instead, sections of time have been scheduled with the goal being to get as many flights in the

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### The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of sorties as of Monday

Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual	Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual
41st ECS	820.9	406.8	2,449.2	162nd OSB	587.2	800.5	2,135.0
43rd ECS	936.5	946.2	2,350.8	354th FS	4,657.0	4,615.6	11,296.5
55th RQS	1,121.3	1,046.7	2,880.0	357th FS	3,540.0	3,280.2	8,966.0
79th RQS	598.7	697.7	1,451.0	358th FS	3,478.0	3,521.7	8,948.0

### Pilot instructor training as of Feb. 28

357th FS	358th FS
04 DBD -28 days	05 ABD -7.9 days
05 AID -36 days	05 BID -17 days
05 ARQ -13 days	05 BRQ -11 days
05 BID -31.5 days	05 CID +1.5 days

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore

Senior Airman Robert Starr, (left) 755th Operations Support Squadron, reviews paperwork with Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, as part of the Airman Shadow Program.

### No priority line at the commissary for handicapped patrons

**Complaint:** I am retired and in a wheel chair. In the past, I have had access to a priority line at the commissary because of my wheel chair. I was there a few weeks ago and there were no signs indicating this anymore and the staff did not move me to the front. Did the policy change?

**Response:** Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention.

As you are aware, the commissary was under construction for several months. During this time, the signs designating handicapped service lines were taken down and replaced at incorrect locations. Since then, the signs have been properly posted above each register to inform all our

patrons who are handicapped they are authorized to proceed to the front of the line at any register.

In addition, we are also putting a sign at the store entrance to inform all patrons of this policy. We have ensured our commissary staff is aware of the policy and they will ensure our handicapped patrons receive the priority they deserve in line.

Thank you for your patience and, as always, our commissary staff continues to strive to deliver first-class service to our valued customers. If you have any additional concerns, please feel free to contact Jerry Copenhefer at 790-4341.

### Motorcycle safety

**Concern:** After reading your article in the Jan. 28 *Desert Airman* and brief comments on the motorcycle safety program, I fear you've perpetuated a common misconception. You state, "To ride on base, a rider must complete the basic course we offer." As your audience is largely active duty members, Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4 clearly requires them to comply on- and off-base with all requirements of the instruction (training, personal protective equipment, etc.).

We need to cultivate a culture of safety-conscious motorcyclists who apply safety measures at all times. We need to get away from the attitude that we need to throw on a garment to get through the gate or take the class to get a base decal.

**Response:** The safety of our people is a top priority, whether they are on- or off-base.

You are correct that the DoD Instruction applies to military members while riding a motorcycle on- and off-base.

The newly established Davis-Monthan Lightning Riders and Motorcycle Advisory Council will be briefing all riders to ensure they understand all of the requirements. The MAC will begin these briefings soon.

On Feb. 18, the *Desert Airman* ran the front page article "D-M begins ACC motorcycle mentorship program." This article highlighted the new mentorship program. The newly instituted program follows a path to help new riders during the most critical time of their riding.

In regards to the garments for motorcyclists to get through the gate, we have done an exceptional job of reworking the intent of the program at D-M. While a traffic vest is the minimum requirement, we encourage the use of modern, brightly colored motorcycle safety jackets, which are superior to a simple traffic vest. Rather than having to throw on a simple traffic vest, we are now seeing riders wanting to use the new jackets in place of the vest, and they wear this PPE well beyond the gate. This is a huge leap in riders becoming more safety conscious.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWingCommandersCorner@dm.af.mil. Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information.

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Unit Public Affairs Representatives are the "eyes and ears" of the 355th Wing Public Affairs office. Each squadron has unique individuals that have interesting stories to tell, whether it is about sports, awards, lifesaving acts, IDEA program contributions, etc. UPARS are responsible for getting the information to PA in a useable format and in a timely manner.

If there is a UPAR not listed here, or a unit at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base not represented in the following list, contact the Desert Airman staff at 228-5092 or send an e-mail to the Desert Airman staff at [desert.airman@dm.af.mil](mailto:desert.airman@dm.af.mil).

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# Women's History Month

*D-M community celebrates women's accomplishments*

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Voting, working outside of the home, flying air planes and stepping out of the kitchen were all unthought of in the past, until women took a stand.

In celebration of women's accomplishments throughout time, women's history month is scheduled for the month of March. Its theme is "Women Change America."

"Often time's history books overlook the accomplishments of women," said 2nd Lt. Renata Turner, Women's History Month guest speaker committee chairperson. "When we take the month to reflect on those achievements, it allows us to appreciate their determination. It also inspires us to strive for our own personal goals. Thus, it is important to celebrate March as Women's History month because it gives us the opportunity to recognize and honor the many contributions women have made in American society."

"It's celebrating women who have changed the way for women," said Patricia LeClair, Women's History Month co-chairperson. "We're able to vote, work, be pilots, or do anything we wish to accomplish. It's the struggles women make everyday and it's important to recognize those at home and out in the work force."

To celebrate Women's History Month, the committee has scheduled some events for the entire

D-M community to enjoy.

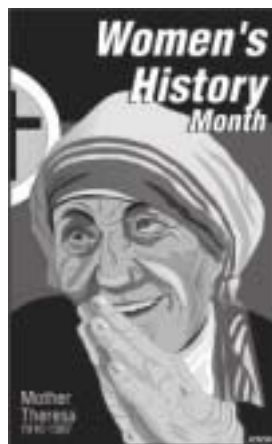
The first event is a bowling tournament March 11 at the D-M bowling center at noon.

There will also be a Women's History Month Luncheon March 21 at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club at 11 a.m.

Entertainment, displays, federally employed group for women and other activities are scheduled for the luncheon, Mrs. LeClair said.

"Other activities are in the planning phase," Lieutenant Turner said. "We will announce the activities, dates and times as they become available. We could use volunteers to help with the bowling tournament and set up for the luncheon. Creative ideas are also welcome."

For more information on scheduled events, or to volunteer, contact Staff Sgt. Tracey Murray at 228-9719 or Barbara Dycus at 228-5508.



Courtesy photo

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air during those windows as possible.

Today, the flying times are 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 3:45 to 6 p.m. Saturday's sessions 9 to 11:15 a.m., 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m. The scheduled session times for Sunday are 9:15 to

11:15 a.m. and noon to 1:45 p.m.

"Parking for the event will be on the west side of the passenger terminal," Colonel Fluhr said. "Drivers can just follow Craycroft Road all the way to base operations and security forces personnel will direct them to the correct lot. A public viewing area will be available on the south side of base ops."

For this event, people are wel-

come to bring items such as strollers, coolers and portable chairs.

"If people enjoy food or drinks on the flightline, we ask that they utilize the available trashcans in an effort to limit any (foreign object debris)," Colonel Fluhr said.

In addition, individuals are encouraged to bring their cameras to record the event.

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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at  
**850-2233**

10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 4 p.m. to midnight Sundays for a ride.



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## News Notes

### Finance closure

The finance office will close today at noon due to a squadron function. In case of an emergency, contact Master Sgt. Scott Dougan at 981-0502.

### TRICARE For Life briefings

Individuals 65 years old and over are invited to attend a TRICARE For Life briefing Wednesday at the Desert Lightning Community Center in Building 4201. Briefings are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Reservations are not required for the briefings.

### SNCO E'Call March 11

An enlisted call is scheduled for senior noncommissioned officers March 11 at the Base Theater. Wing SNCOs are required to attend the 7:30 a.m. or the 3:30 p.m. briefing. Tenant unit SNCOs are also welcome to attend.

### Swan gate closure

Swan Road Gate is closed for construction. The gate is scheduled to reopen late March.

### Munitions inventory

The 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munition Flight will be conducting the semi-annual 100 percent base stock inventory through March 31. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey or Staff Sgt. Patrick Blevins at 228-8632.

### Commander's access channel

The commander's access channel will move from Cox channel 74 to 22 March 28.

### Appearances, speeches

Military and civilian personnel are authorized and encouraged to make public appearances and speak to audiences unfamiliar with the Air Force. When asked to speak about the Air Force or individual jobs, contact the 355th Wing Public Affairs Office for further guidance. For more on the Base Speakers Bureau, contact Janie McLaury at 228-5091.

### Correction

In the Feb. 18 edition of the *Desert Airman*, Staff Sgt. Derrell Willson was misidentified as Staff Sgt. Christopher Wilson in the *D-M* begins ACC motorcycle mentorship program article.

### Terrorism history

March 6, 1988, three terrorists of the Provisional Irish Republican Army were killed when Special Air Service personnel attempted to arrest them in Gibraltar. The three were part of a PIRA effort to bomb a British Army ceremony.

## Davis-Monthan honors 2004 MPOY, Lt. Gen. Marquez award winners

Congratulations to the following individuals who were recognized during the 2004 Maintenance Professional of the Year banquet:

### 355th Wing 2004 Maintenance Professional

#### Airman of the Year

Senior Airman Russell Spurlin,  
355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
**NCO Category**  
Staff Sgt. Edwin White, Jr., 355th AMXS

### 55th Electronic Combat Group 2004 Maintenance Professional

#### Airman of the Year

Senior Airman David Taylor,  
43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit  
**NCO of the Year**  
Staff Sgt. Scott Kruep,  
41st Aircraft Maintenance Unit  
**Senior NCO of the Year**  
Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Klingemann,  
41st AMU

### 563rd Rescue Group 2004 Maintenance Professional

#### Airframe, power plane general — of the Year

Senior Airman Kristofer Mottaz,  
563rd Maintenance Squadron  
**Specialist — Airman of the Year**  
Senior Airman Christopher Wiggs, 563rd MXS  
**Specialist — NCO of the Year**  
Tech. Sgt. Joseph Eversdyke, 563rd MXS  
**Weapons — Airman of the Year**  
Senior Airman Joseph Brown,  
563rd Maintenance Squadron  
**Weapons — NCO of the Year**  
Tech. Sgt. Michael Cavalieri, 563rd MXS

### Support — Airman of the Year

Senior Airman John Cook, 563rd MXS  
**Support — NCO of the Year**  
Tech. Sgt. Craig Tobin,  
763rd Maintenance Squadron  
**SNCO of the Year**  
Master Sgt. McKinney Crawford, 563rd MXS

### 355th Communications Squadron 2004 Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez

#### Comm-Electronics

**Technician of the Year**  
Airman 1st Class Scott Ponte  
**Technician/Supervisor of the Year**  
Tech. Sgt. Juan Martinez  
**Supervisor/Manager of the Year**  
Master Sgt. Troy Phelps

### 355th Wing 2004 Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Aircraft Maintenance

**Technician of the Year**  
Senior Airman Nicholas Tarbox, 355th AMXS  
**Technician/Supervisor of the Year**  
Staff Sgt. Roy Fife,  
355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron  
**Supervisor/Manager of the Year**  
Senior Master Phillip Martin,  
355th Maintenance Operations Squadron  
**Company Grade Manager of the Year**  
Capt. Derek Taylor, 355th MOS  
**Field Grade Manager of the Year**  
Lt. Col. Michael Plummer,  
355th Maintenance Group  
**Civilian Technician of the Year**  
William Hatten, 355th EMS

### 355th Wing 2004 Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Munitions/Missile Maintenance

### Technician of the Year

Senior Airman Carlos Rodriguez, 355th MOS  
**Technician/Supervisor of the Year**  
Tech. Sgt. David Currier, 355th MOS  
**Supervisor/Manager of the Year**  
Master Sgt. Guillermo Castillo Jr., 355th MOS  
**Company Grade Manager of the Year**  
1st Lt. Jeffrey Baldwin, 355th EMS  
**Field Grade Manager of the Year**  
Lt. Col. Daniel Runyon, 355th EMS

### 55th ECG 2004 Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Aircraft Maintenance

**Technician of the Year**  
Senior Airman Robert Mars, 43rd AMU  
**Technician/Supervisor of the Year**  
Staff Sgt. Vincent Juarez, 41st AMU  
**Supervisor/Manager of the Year**  
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Bloomquest, 41st AMU  
**Company Grade Manager of the Year**  
2nd Lt. Christopher Haley, 43rd AMU  
**Field Grade Manager of the Year**  
Major Michael Shea,  
755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

### 563rd Rescue Group 2004 Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez aircraft Maintenance Award Nominees

**Technician of the Year**  
Senior Airman Sage Savage, 763rd MXS  
**Technician/Supervisor of the Year**  
Tech. Sgt. Robert Balmer, 563rd MXS  
**Supervisor/Manager of the Year**  
Master Sgt. Douglas Couturier, 563rd MXS  
**Company Grade Manager of the Year**  
1st Lt. Matthew Van Gilder, 763rd MXS  
**Munitions/Missile Maintenance Supervisor/Manager of the Year**  
Master Sgt. Craig Carney, 763rd MXS



Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Peirce

Airman 1st Class Christian Webb (left) and Airman 1st Class James Maines, both members of the Davis-Monthan Elite Honor Guard, salute the American flag during the National Anthem at the Maintenance Professional of the Year banquet Feb. 26 at the Pima Air and Space Museum.

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issue with rationale provided to him by three chief master sergeants. Pilots have wings, doctors have a badge, security forces have a badge and lawyers even have a badge, the chiefs said, so why can't maintenance personnel have a badge?

Shocked by the fact that lawyers could have a badge while maintenance personnel could not he pressed the issue and was granted approval based on the chiefs' logic.

In addition, General Marquez fought to ensure maintenance personnel received recognition for the

blood and sweat they put into each aircraft.

After working years to establish a maintenance awards program General Marquez feared it might come to an end after his retirement.

"This award program is the most important thing to me; don't let it die," he said to co-workers before his retirement.

At his retirement ceremony, two days after he made this statement, he was told his vision would not end but instead, it was going to bear his name.

"I never intended the award to be named after me," General Marquez said. "And I never dreamed it would become what it has become."

# 355th CONS receives recognition from ACC

*D-M contractors gain headquarter's praise for accomplishments, hard work during '04*

**Photo and story by  
Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore**  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen and civilians who form the 355th Contracting Squadron have captured another Air Combat Command award and have been named runner-up in an additional ACC category.

The 355th CONS was awarded the title of the best 2004 ACC Small Business Special Achievement Activity and was designated as runner-up for the 2004 ACC Contracting Unit of the Year.

"The 355th CONS was selected as ACC's Small Business Special Achievement Award winner because squadron members were able to achieve 128 percent of their small



*(From left to right) Patrick Whelan, 355th Contracting Squadron, reviews blueprints for construction projects at the new Desert Lightning Community with Scott Payne, Chung and Associates, and Scott Ashiman, Ashiman Construction. Once completed, the project will house the new exercise area for the Davis-Monthan team.*

business goal, 125.75 percent of their small disadvantage business goal, 155.57 percent of their women-owned goal, 144 percent of their disabled veteran goal and 97.23 percent of their

historically under-utilized business goal during fiscal 2004," said Capt. Claude Griffiths, 355th CONS executive officer.

"These great achievements were

recognized by ACC, which then propelled the unit to win runner-up in ACC's Outstanding Contract Unit award as one of the best of 18 squadrons in ACC," Captain Griffiths said.

In addition to receiving these awards, Tech. Sgt. Doug Kimmel, Jr., 355th CONS contract administrator, was previously named the 2004 ACC Contingency Contracting Officer of the Year and Gerald Grimes, 355th CONS Civil Engineer Acquisition Flight chief, received the 2004 Davis-Monthan Senior Civilian of the Year award.

"This combination of the unit and individual awards is a direct culmination of some incredible work by the whole 355th CONS team," said Maj. Scott Benza, 355th CONS commander who is currently deployed. The 355th CONS Airmen and civilians can stand tall, be proud and set new goals to determine just how high this team can raise the bar.

"My sincere congratulations go out to not only the individual winners, but to the whole team because we carry each other," Major Benza said.



# CRIME & Punishment

## Area Defense Counsel tip of the week

When an Article 15 punishment includes a reduction in grade (suspended or not) and monetary forfeitures, the forfeitures will be based on the pay of the lower grades. For more information, contact Capt. Roger Picker from the Area Defense Counsel at 228-5664.

## Davis-Monthan Article 15s from Feb. 14 through Feb. 25

◆ A senior airman from the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman first class and 30 days extra duty for **displaying sexually explicit material on a government computer**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆ A senior airman from the 355th EMS received a forfeiture of \$150, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand for **sleeping on duty**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman from the 355th EMS received a reduction to airman basic and 15 days extra duty for **having alcohol in a government dormitory room while under the age of 21 and for allowing a guest to stay overnight**

**in a government dormitory**. These were a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman and 30 days extra duty for **failing to report for duty and for being incapacitated for duty due to overindulgence in intoxicating liquor**. These were a violation of Articles 86 and 134 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 755th Operations Support Squadron received a reduction to airman basic for **failing to report for duty and for failing to remain on telephone standby**. These were a violation of Articles 86 and 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman basic from the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron received restriction to D-M for 14 days and 30 days extra duty for **stealing items from the Davis-Monthan Base Exchange**. This was a violation of Article 121 of the UCMJ.

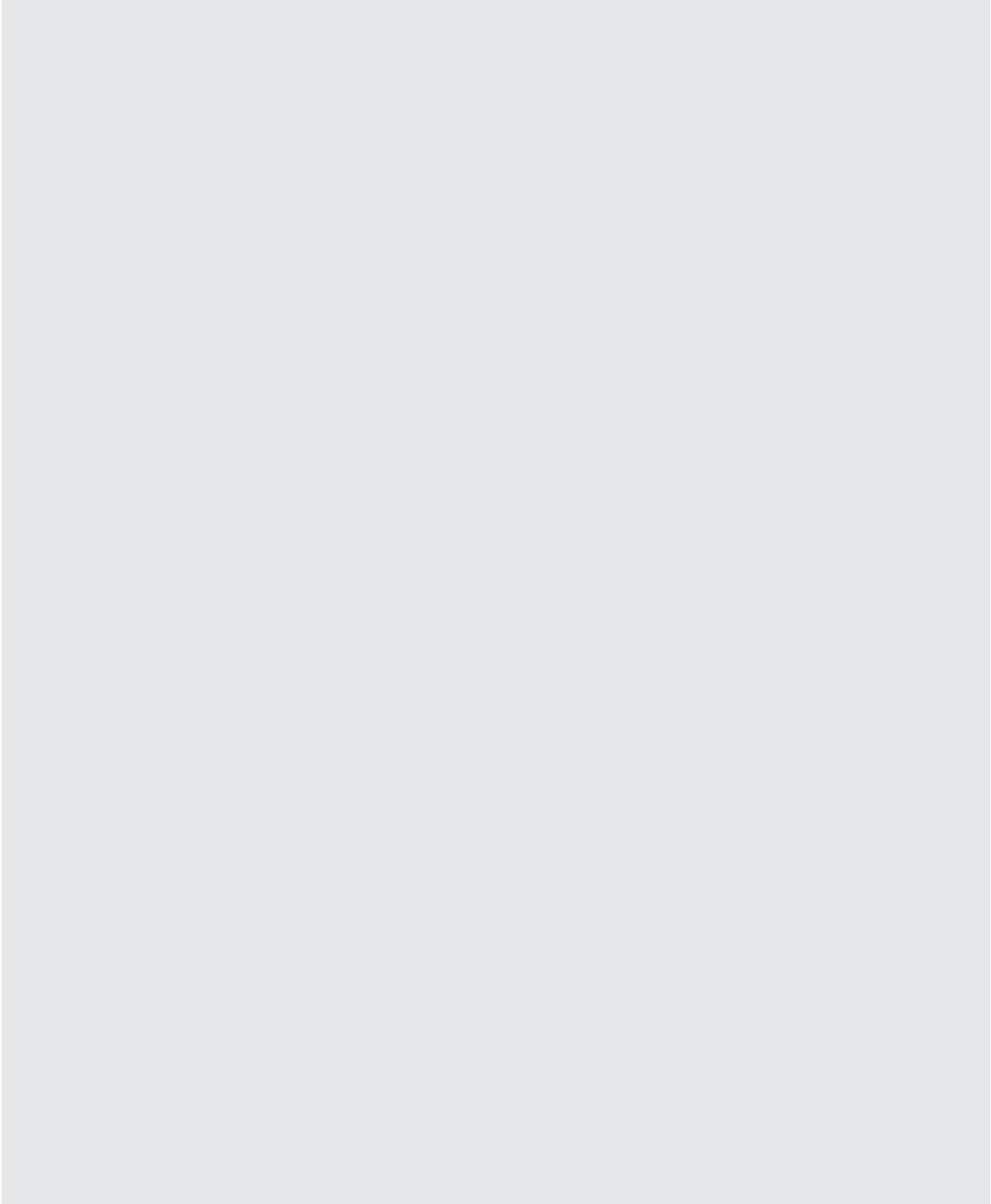
◆ A staff sergeant from the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to senior airman, a suspended forfeiture of \$456, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for **lying to a first sergeant**. This was a violation of Article 107 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 55th Rescue Squadron received a reduction to airman and 16 days extra duty for **failing to report for duty, failing to maintain deployment bag and failing to secure communications security material**. These were a violation of Articles 86 and 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman basic from the 355th LRS received 30 days extra duty and restriction to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base for 14 days for **stealing items from the BX**. This was a violation of Article 121 of the UCMJ.

◆ A senior airman from the 355th EMS was **discharged** with a general characterization for a **Pattern of misconduct** supported by one Article 15, four Letters of Reprimand, one Letter of Admonishment, two Letters of Counseling, and two Records of Individual Counseling.

*(Editors note: Information courtesy of the 355th Wing Judge Advocate's Office. The same offense can result in different punishments for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, which include: the offender's service record, previous incidents, seriousness of the offense and impact on unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)*



# 365 day rotations

## Extended deployments affect 200 Air Force positions

By Master Sgt. David Byron  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** – Air Force officials are designating some positions in U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility as 365-day extended deployments in an effort to provide stability and allow for long-term relationship building with host governments.

The new tour lengths will affect only about 200 key and critical operational and joint task force staff positions, officials said. People in the remaining positions will serve in the current air and space expeditionary force structure.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper directed the extended tours in response to requests from joint task force commanders seeking continuity in selected positions, often where the local culture requires more time to establish meaningful ties with local people and host governments.

These key positions are an integral part of a combatant commander's mission and the air and space expeditionary force structure. No new positions will be created; they will be converted from current AEF slots.

"The positions will span a wide spectrum of Air Force career fields," said Lt. Col. James Davis, Air Force assignment classification, retirements and separation policy chief. "There will be a good mix of enlisted and officer positions, mainly mid-level and up."

Air Force Personnel Center officials



*Capt. DeJon Redd, 376th Aerospace Expeditionary Wing public affairs, addresses the media at a forward location while deployed from Davis-Monthan. Public affairs billets are one of the Air Force speciality codes affected by the extended rotations.*

will take the lead in finding people to fill most of the slots. Air Force Senior Leader Management Office officials will handle requirements for colonel and chief master sergeant positions, he said.

Colonel Davis said selections would be made during the course of the upcoming spring and summer assignment cycles with all being in place by August 2005.

Volunteers will be sought first, he said. If there are not enough volunteers, AFPC officials will use modified short-tour criteria to fill the slots. For colonels, AFSLMO officials will assign them through major command channels.

Although these deployments may

appear to be remote tours, they are not permanent change-of-station moves. It is not a goal to establish a permanent U.S. military presence in the region, and there is no Status of Forces Agreement in place covering permanent assignments, officials said. The positions will fall under the category of "indeterminate length" temporary duty assignments. That category will allow for certain entitlements to apply that are not available for standard temporary assignments.

"Although we can't consider them regular short-tour assignments, they will be treated as such," Colonel Davis said. "Lieutenant colonels and below who complete the tours will have priority for follow-on assignments,

just like any other one-year tour."

Colonels completing the tours will be assigned according to normal colonel assignment procedures, he said.

Family members may also be eligible for standard short-tour benefits.

Storage of household goods is one benefit offered to Airmen serving temporary assignments of 180 days or longer. There are possible options for moving the Airman's family while deployed; the availability and extent of those options will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Airmen may also have the option of returning to their former assignment, if there is a suitable vacancy, officials said.

There will be career benefits for Airmen serving these extended temporary assignments. Airmen serving the 365-day TDYs will receive short-tour credit and be exempt from AEF or other contingency deployments for six months following their return home. Most of the joint task force positions will earn joint-duty credit depending on actual length of rotation, officials said.

"Our expectation is that all of the joint task force positions will get full joint credit," Colonel Davis said. "We are currently validating the positions working this with the Joint Staff and (Secretary of Defense). Although we're asking some of our Airmen to deploy for a longer period of time to meet mission needs, we're constantly looking for the best options for our (Airmen) and their families."

## Twice-yearly TSP 'open season' limitations end July 1

### Changes to savings program provide Airmen continuing opportunity to invest in future

By Gerry Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** — Defense Department civilians and servicemembers building tax-free retirement accounts through the Thrift Savings Plan soon will be able to change their investment options at any time instead of just twice a year.

Current biannual TSP "open season" investment-choice windows will end July 1, said Army Lt. Col. Janet Fenton, executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council. Then TSP participants

will be able to switch their retirement account options at any time.

There's not going to be the two open seasons during the year where people can sign up for the retirement savings and investment program, change their contribution levels or change investment options, Colonel Fenton said.

Military people and civilians covered by the Civil Service Retirement System can contribute up to 10 percent of their paycheck to establish tax-free retirement account's which will grow from accumulated savings and investments in bonds, stocks and international funds. Employees covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System can contribute up to 15 percent in 2005. From 2006 forward, no limit will apply to any participants in TSP.

Another TSP change also slated to start July 1 gives participants the choice of having a financial manager automatically adjust how funds are

invested as market conditions change, officials said.

"They'll move you from equities to bonds when you need to," Colonel Fenton said, which should assist participants in maximizing their contributions.

Servicemembers have been eligible to establish tax-free TSP retirement accounts since January 2002, she said.

Establishing a TSP account is a good idea even for those servicemembers who do not serve long enough to qualify for a pension, Colonel Fenton said. The TSP funds accumulated during military service can be transferred to participating federal agency TSPs if a departing servicemember takes a government civilian job.

And, TSP savings can also be rolled into non-government civilian employers' individual retirement accounts, the colonel said.





Photo by 1st Lt. Rebecca Garland

Pararescuemen with the 305th Rescue Squadron perform a rescue training mission.

# 943rd RQG stands-up at D-M

**By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle and Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore**  
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 943rd Rescue Group, a new Air Force Reserve asset, has found a home at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

The mission of the 943rd Rescue Group mirrors the mission of the 305th Rescue Squadron which has been active at D-M since 1994, said Master Sgt. Ruby Zarzycny, 305th Rescue Squadron chief of public affairs.

The group will continue to provide day and night combat rescue capabilities in hostile territory as well as the same rescue support the citizens of Arizona have relied on for more than 20 years.

"The new group will be assigned to the Air Force Reserves under the 920th Rescue Wing, at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.," Sergeant Zarzycny said. The Air Force Special Operations Command being the gaining command.

The 943rd RQG was officially activated Feb. 12, however the 305th RQS change of command ceremony,

and the 943rd RQG assumption of command ceremony, will be held Saturday at 8 a.m. in the 305th Maintenance Hanger.

The activation of the 943rd RQG, commanded by Col. Michael Shook, is not projected to increase reserve manning at D-M, Sergeant Zarzycny said. The old units and flights are just being restructured into new squadrons and flights based on the organization's mission.

The 305th RQS, commanded by Lt. Col. Cliff Shuman, will be an operations squadron containing pilots, flight engineers, gunners, life support personnel and helicopters.

The 306th Rescue Squadron, commanded by Capt. Gary Holland, will consist of combat rescue officers, pararescuemen and Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape instructors.

The 943rd Maintenance Squadron, commanded by Maj. Keith Belhumeur, will include maintenance personnel.

The 305th RQS intelligence flight will become the 943rd Operations Support Flight, commanded by Maj.

Mary Johnson. The mission support element will now be the 943rd Mission Support Flight commanded by Capt. Michael Williams. The 805th Aeromedical will be inactivated and reverts to the control of the Air Force. The 943rd Tactical Hospital will be activated and re-designated as the 943rd Aeromedical Flight, commanded by Col. Venu Gopal.

All of these agencies will be located at D-M, but the 304th Rescue Squadron, commanded by Maj. Joel Kinnunen will be located in Portland, Ore. The squadron will contain combat rescue officers, pararescuemen, and S.E.R.E. instructors.

The 305th RQS will now fall under the 943rd RQG, said Major Johnson 943rd OSF. The changes will only be in name and command.

Major Johnson is one of many who looks forward to what the new group will provide for D-M.

"It's an opportunity I never thought I'd get as an intelligence officer, I'm honored to do it" Major Johnson said. "I have a lot of good people and they make this job easy."

# Setting goals key element for success

## Following through with one's dreams begins with simply writing them down

By Chief Master Sgt. Scott Westcott  
355th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Over the years I learned the benefit one gains by having goals, writing them down and continually tracking them to completion.

Shortly after arriving at Davis-Monthan in October 2004, I was given an opportunity to conduct four seminars on goal setting for members of my squadron. This opportunity was during Air Combat Command's Wellness Day in November 2004. We discussed goal setting, which encompassed education, finance and self-improvement.

It was great to interact with everyone and to find out who had goals in these areas and, better yet, who was on track to accomplish their goals by writing them down and constantly checking on their progress.

No matter where you turn or look you will see goals written down. Behind this process is a plan

to achieve it. Look at the D-M aircraft sortie goals sign at the corner of Craycroft Road and Ironwood Street or on the front page of the Desert Airman.

Those goals are written and updated constantly to track our progress. Some may not be aware there is an elaborate process written down, which my squadron plays an important part in to achieve these goals. This process begins quite a long time ahead of us reaching those goals.

This is the key to success.

So, why not do the same for yourself personally? Recently, I heard our own Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 355th Wing command chief, relate in a story, "Imagine a person playing basketball who was dribbling down the court only to get to the end and there was no goal to shoot at." We can easily be that way, aimlessly going along with no goal in sight, no plan to get anywhere, no hope of being as successful as we could be.

You don't want to do this. Now that the first of the year has come and gone and all those New Years resolutions have faded away, why not take a few minutes to write out a few goals?

I was preparing for my "Chief's five minutes or less" chat I like to do at my commander's call

each month and what shows up in my mailbox but a flier supporting a lot of what I have been saying.

It talked about how a goal is a dream with a deadline, and how it is important that we create a vision and establish goals for them. By planning short, mid and long-term goals you get a complete picture of what you want to achieve.

There are essential components to setting successful goals.

Goals need to be written down. They need to be very specific and measured. You need to have deadlines that are constantly re-evaluated, and once achieved, rewarded.

My suggestion to you is to get started today. Write some goals down on a piece of paper. Better yet, utilize your computer and create a document.

Save the document to your computer's desktop, and keep track of yourself by way of your e-mail calendar to evaluate where you are at least on a monthly basis. Now print out your goals and your plan to get there and keep it close at hand to look at.

Some words of wisdom I heard years ago are still true today: people do not plan to fail, they fail to plan.

## Local community searches for volunteers

### SARSEF

The Southern Arizona Regional Science and Engineering Fair will be held March 14 through 18 at the Tucson Convention Center. Volunteer judges are needed March 15. Those interested in volunteering should sign up on the fair's Web site at <http://www.sarsef.com/udges.htm>.

### Bratwurst cooks

The Johnsonville Big Taste

Grill will be visiting Davis-Monthan March 17. They are seeking five volunteers each hour to assist in cooking bratwursts as well as serving drinks. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Jeff Halstead, family support center volunteer coordinator at 228-3891 or send an e-mail to [jeffrey.halstead@dm.af.mil](mailto:jeffrey.halstead@dm.af.mil).

### Rattlesnake Run

The Rattlesnake Run is held at

Drachman Field at the University of Arizona. The event will pit more than 1,000 middle school students against other middle-school students from Pima and Cochise counties. This year's event will be held April 9 and volunteers are needed from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Mr. Halstead at 228-3891 or send an e-mail [jeffrey.halstead@dm.af.mil](mailto:jeffrey.halstead@dm.af.mil).

## Final Answer

*What do you want to be when you grow up?*



**Jaden Kreiger**

Son of Christine and Staff Sgt. Jason Krieger, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron

*"When I grow up, I want to be Spiderman because he shoots webs and can do backflips."*



**Kenneth Williams**

Son of Staff Sgt. Sherry Williams, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron and Staff Sgt. Kenneth Williams, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron

*"When I grow up, I want to be a cowboy with a rope."*



**Breely Frasco**

Daughter of Tech. Sgt. Brandy Frasco, Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center, and 1st Lt. Michael Frasco, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

*"I want to be a ballerina because they dance."*



**David Fahlsing**

Son of Staff. Sgt. Tina Fahlsing, 355th Communication Squadron

*"I want to be a cowboy with two guns when I grow up."*



**Isabelle Lariccia**

Daughter of Airman 1st Class Christina Lariccia, 355th Operation Support Squadron

*"When I grow up, I want to be Cinderella because she's a princess."*



**Arielle Brown**

Daughter of Amy and Tech. Sgt. Mark Brown, 12th Air Force

*"When I grow up, I want to be a ballerina because they know how to spin."*

**(Editor's Note:** Next week's Final Answer question is: "How do you help your fellow co-workers stay on task?" To submit an answer for that question, to participate in an upcoming question for the Final Answer column or to give new ideas or suggestions for the column, contact the *Desert Airman* staff at [desert.airman@dm.af.mil](mailto:desert.airman@dm.af.mil) or call Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle at 228-5092.)



# It is all about CHOICE

**By Master Sgt. Virginia Schreitmuller**  
*Mathies Airman Leadership School*

ROYAL AIR FORCE FELTWELL, England (AFPN) — I have an idea for a combat program that could be adopted across the full Air Force spectrum. I call it, "Combat CHOICE," because everything you or I do is about choices.

We choose to do the right things or the wrong things. We choose how to spend our time, what our attitude will be, and what level of effort we put forth on- and off-duty.

Of course, CHOICE not only is a verb, it is an acronym: community, home, operations, integrity, commitment and excellence.

I choose to be part of my community. I watch my neighbor's infant while my neighbor goes to work, or I volunteer to round up the neighborhood children for an outing to the movies.

I do it because I live in a community, not a military housing area.

The local village is not just a place I drive through en route to work. It is where I buy fresh bread and vegetables, a place where I "hang out" at the pub with friends and a place where I know the first name of the chap working at the railroad station crossing.

I choose to call wherever the Air Force sends me, "home." I choose to be part of the operations. I

get tasked, and I get asked. I get told, and I volunteer.

The mission doesn't happen based on my likes and dislikes. It happens because I choose to ensure whatever needs to be done gets done, and I do it without whining or making excuses.

I choose to make integrity the motivation behind all I do. I understand deception is just a lie with more syllables. When I say or do something, it reflects on me, my family, my job and my Air Force. I won't compromise any of those things — ever.

I choose to make a commitment to all those aspects in my community, my home, my mission.

I realize, even when I am tired, my responsibilities do not go on hold. I do my best to balance my family, friends and work. I choose to strive for excellence, on- and off-duty.

It really is all about choosing to do the right things all the time. It is about taking ownership of where I live, how I live, my actions and reactions, every time, everywhere, in all I do.

Everything in life comes with choices. No one should have to tell you not to drink and drive, to get a haircut, to pick up a piece of trash in the parking lot, to help a neighbor, to get involved, to put in "overtime" to get the job done, or simply to do the right thing. My parents raised me better.

My Air Force expects it to come naturally.

## AADD seeks help

**By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle**  
*355th Wing Public Affairs*

Airmen Against Drunk Driving is currently looking for drivers and coordinators to help cover weekend shifts.

Due to the overwhelming success of the program, there is a need for more volunteers, said Airman 1st Class Brenda McClain, AADD secretary and scheduler.

Shifts are available Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. and Sunday from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Drivers will pick up Airmen from drinking establishments and will take them directly home. Drivers are prohibited from taking callers to other bars, parties or clubs.

"Volunteerism for AADD is a reflection of the service-before-self value the men and women of Davis-Monthan possess," said Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 355th Wing command chief master sergeant. "Currently our AADD program has more than 200 volunteers. There is no reason why a member of our Air Force family should risk his or her career, or more importantly, someone's life, by drinking and driving."

So far this year, AADD has saved 114 lives.

To volunteer, e-mail Airman McClain at [Brenda.mcclain@dm.af.mil](mailto:Brenda.mcclain@dm.af.mil) or call 850-AADD.



## Sonoran Spotlight

**(Editor's note:** Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

*This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Staff Sgt. Jessica Moran of the 79th Rescue Squadron. Sergeant Moran is the NCO in-charge of aviation resource management. According to her first sergeant, Master Sgt. Marcos Arenas, she was nominated for the spotlight because she, "exemplifies the Air Force core values. Her dedication to the mission is the driving force behind the unit's top-notch operations duty section."*

*The following are Sergeant Moran's responses to a variety of questions.*

**Why did you join the Air Force?** So I could travel around the world and take care of myself without my mother's help.

**What are your main job responsibilities?** I oversee the squadron operations duty desk — ensuring the desk is manned during normal duty hours and flying window operations. I also supervise three Aviation Resource Management personnel.

**What do you like best about D-M:** Since my daughters are in the base Child Development Center, my husband and I can spend some quality time with them during our lunch break.

**Where is your favorite place to go in Tucson?** Tucson has lots of great and beautiful places to offer. As long as my friends and family enjoy a certain place, that's my favorite place to go.

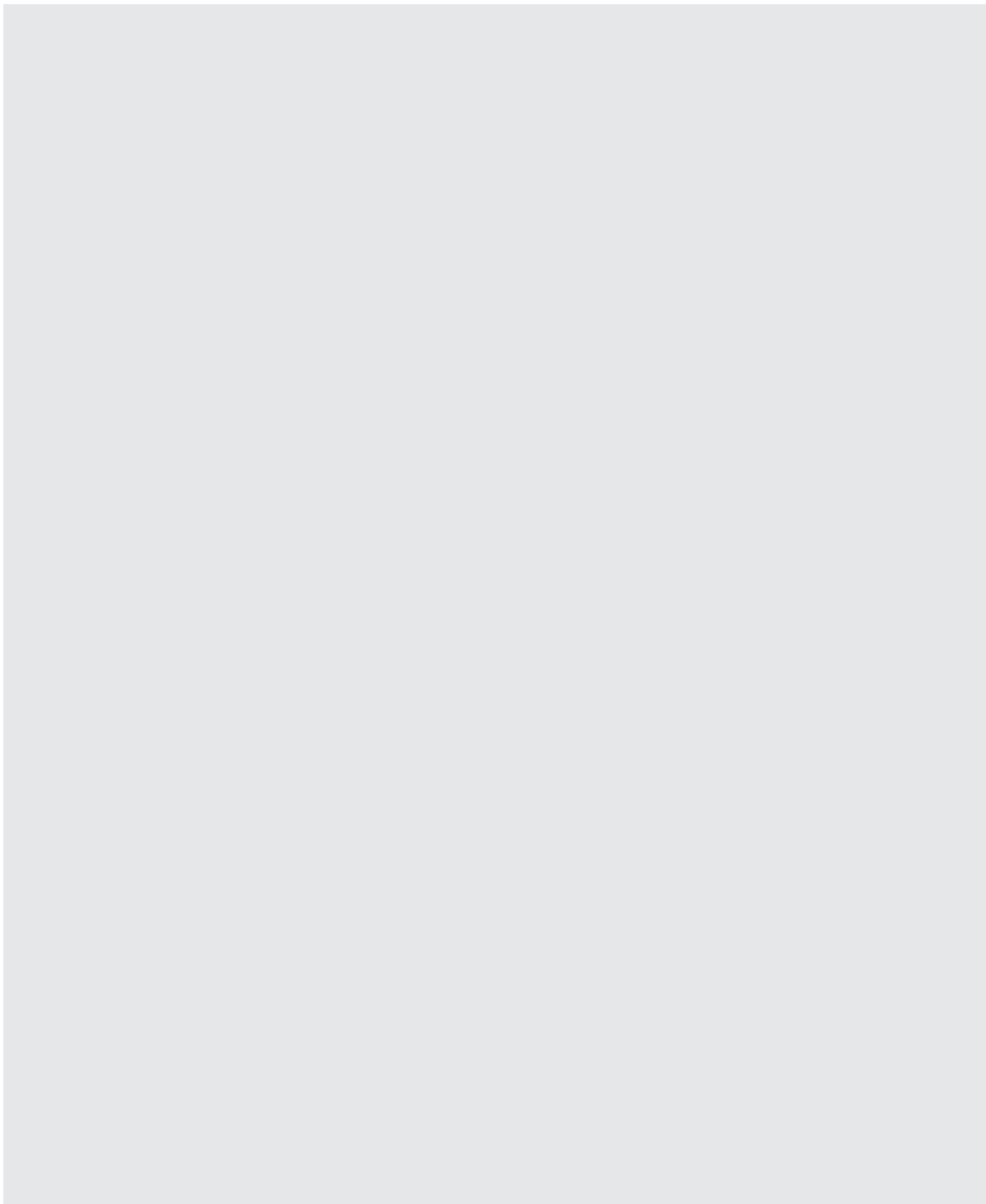
**What has been your best assignment and why:** Kadena Air Base, Japan; that is where I met my husband, Warren.

**What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force?** If you take care of your people; the people will take care of the mission.

**Name someone who inspires you (or who you admire) and why:** My husband. He has always been with me to make the hard decisions about my life and my Air Force career. Most importantly, he keeps me on the straight line.

### Sharing Air Force story with D-M

The staff of the *Desert Airman* seeks individuals from Davis-Monthan who are willing to share their deployed stories and/or photos. The purpose of gathering the information is to provide the D-M community additional perspectives regarding the Global War on Terrorism. For more information, contact Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy at 228-5714 or send an e-mail to [desert.airman@dm.af.mil](mailto:desert.airman@dm.af.mil).







*SOUTHWEST ASIA — Senior Airman Russell Manganaan, 386th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron fire truck vehicle maintainer, performs maintenance on a fire truck. Airman Manganaan is deployed from Davis-Monthan.*

## Vehicle maintenance keeps mission rolling

**Story and photo by Staff Sgt. William Farrow**  
386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** — They are turning wrenches on the vehicles that are winning the Global War on Terrorism.

The bolts they turn hold together the master cylinders, transmissions, door handles and fuel filters of the fleet of 170 trucks, humvees, buses, ambulances and materiel-handling which transport the people and equipment that make the mission happen at this forward-deployed base.

The 22 vehicle maintainers are busy everyday at this forward-deployed location crawling under the hoods of vehicles parked on the battleship gray concrete floor of the 386th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintenance flight, affectionately known as "Ali's Automotive." The huge roll around tool boxes are placed so mechanics have easy access to the drawers filled with wrenches, ratchets and sockets.

One of the mechanics searching through a drawer is Staff Sgt. Andre Ferguson, a materiel-handling equipment technician deployed from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. who is looking for a screwdriver to pry open a can of grease to lubricate the actuators on a K-loader he just repaired. The K-loader is a massive forklift used by logistics troops to push heavy pallets of materiel into the back ends of C-130 Hercules aircraft.

He said it is rare when he works on a K-loader in the shade of the shop. He is often dispatched to where the vehicles break down; the holding area and the flightline.

"I'm on the road a lot," he said. When a K-loader breaks down, he is dispatched in a vehicle loaded

with tools, parts and oil cans. Often he goes on-site to get the K-loader moving the rows of pallets to the waiting C-130s which will airlift them into the war zone.

"I'm a one deep shop ... I'm it," Sergeant Ferguson said. "They're moving around about 3,500 pallets a day, so they are definitely going to have K-loaders break down. And when they do, I'm the man — from engines to transmissions to tires, I'll take care of business; quality maintenance."

As a special purpose vehicle and equipment maintenance craftsman, Sergeant Ferguson is responsible for inspecting, troubleshooting and repairing vehicles including dump trucks, bucket loaders, crawler and wheeled tractors, cranes, motor graders, aircraft cargo loading vehicles, forklifts, aircraft towing vehicles and aircraft servicing vehicles.

He received a thorough session of technical training at Port Hueneme Naval Station, in Oxnard, Calif. It is there vehicle maintainers get their knowledge of vehicle systems including gasoline and diesel engines, emission control, electrical, transmission, brake, steering, suspension and heating and air conditioning systems.

After 10 weeks of introductory training, they move on to specialized training on fire trucks, aircraft refueling trucks or materiel handling equipment. If they do not specialize on one of those three vehicles, they are trained as vehicle and equipment technicians, the mechanics working on everything from cranes to road graders.

Nevertheless, with all the training they receive, it is the challenge of working in a deployed environment that can give the troops an education.

"It's different here because the environment is

just harder on the vehicles," said Senior Airman Russell Manganaan, a fire truck vehicle maintainer deployed from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, working to reconnect a speedometer cable. He said rocks thrown up by tires cause a lot of the damage they routinely see, such as broken windshields or damaged parts and lines on the undercarriage of a vehicle. In addition to the large rocks and the filter-clogging sand that lingers in the air, the oppressive heat topping out in triple digits is extremely hard on the vehicles here.

"With the weather getting hotter, we'll see a lot more tire problems coming in as well," said Staff Sgt. Michael Gallagher vehicle maintainer also deployed from D-M, while pointing to a tire with a postcard size chunk of tread missing. "We're already seeing a lot of drained batteries, but when it gets real hot, we'll see coolant and air conditioning problems too."

Airman Russell Burns, a vehicle maintainer, is elbow deep in a 6-K forklift commonly used in a warehouse. This is the Barksdale Air Force Base, La., Airman's first deployment.

"It's different from working stateside," Airman Burns said. Everybody here is able to do their work without any distractions.

On a good day here the shop turns about five vehicles back to the operators, he said.

"It really depends on what's broken, and how much time it takes to get parts in, or find the right technical order," he said.

And with every truck, bus or K-loader that returns to the road, these maintainers know they are doing their part to contribute to the war effort.

"It's satisfying seeing our work rolling down the road," Airman Manganaan said.

# A look back

Honoring several historical achievements of women

**By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman**  
*Alaskan Command*  
*Public Affairs*

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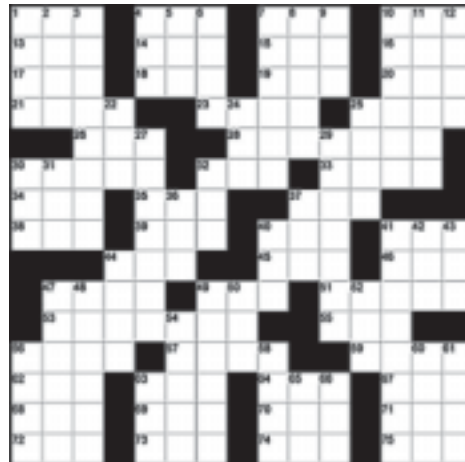
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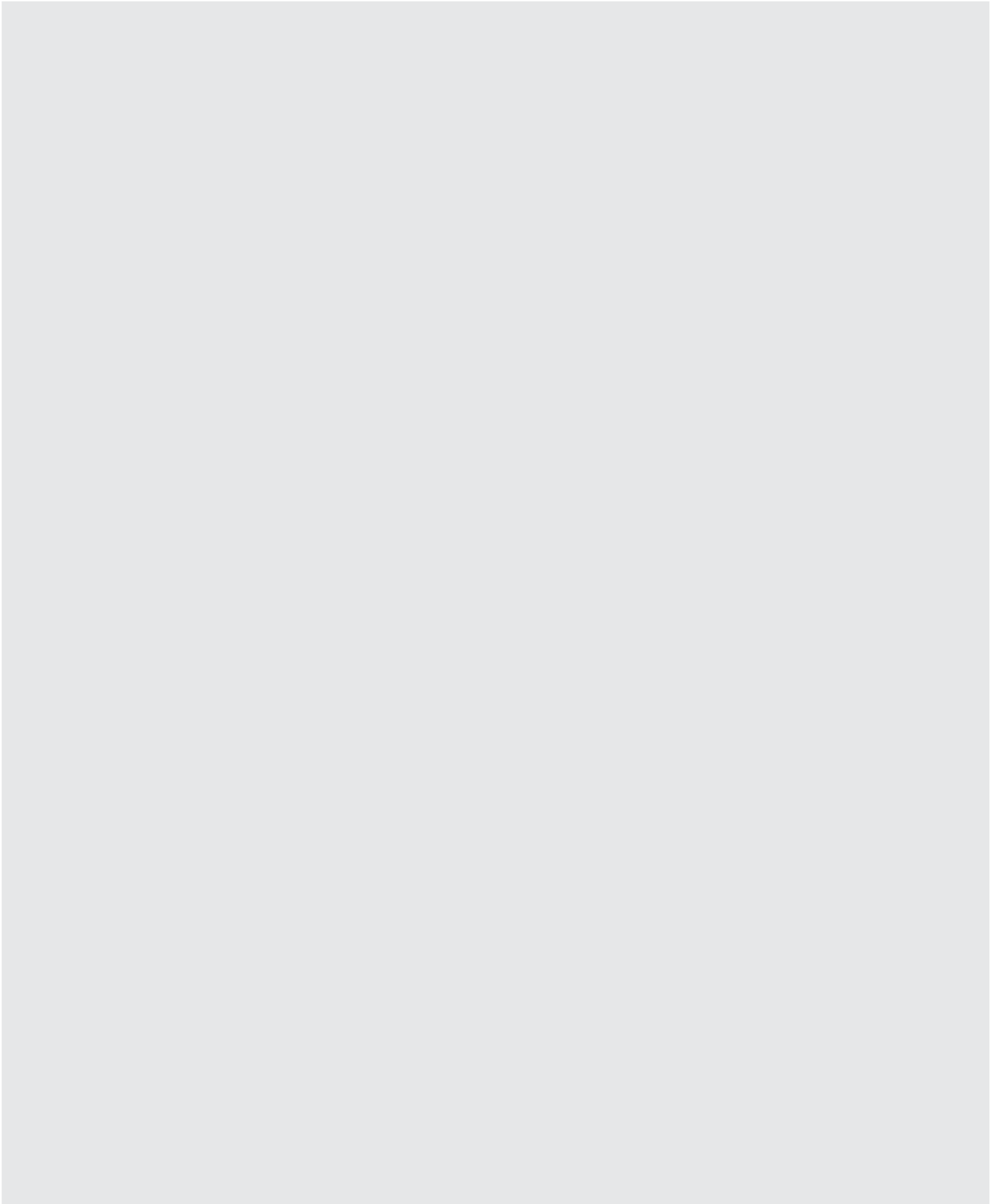
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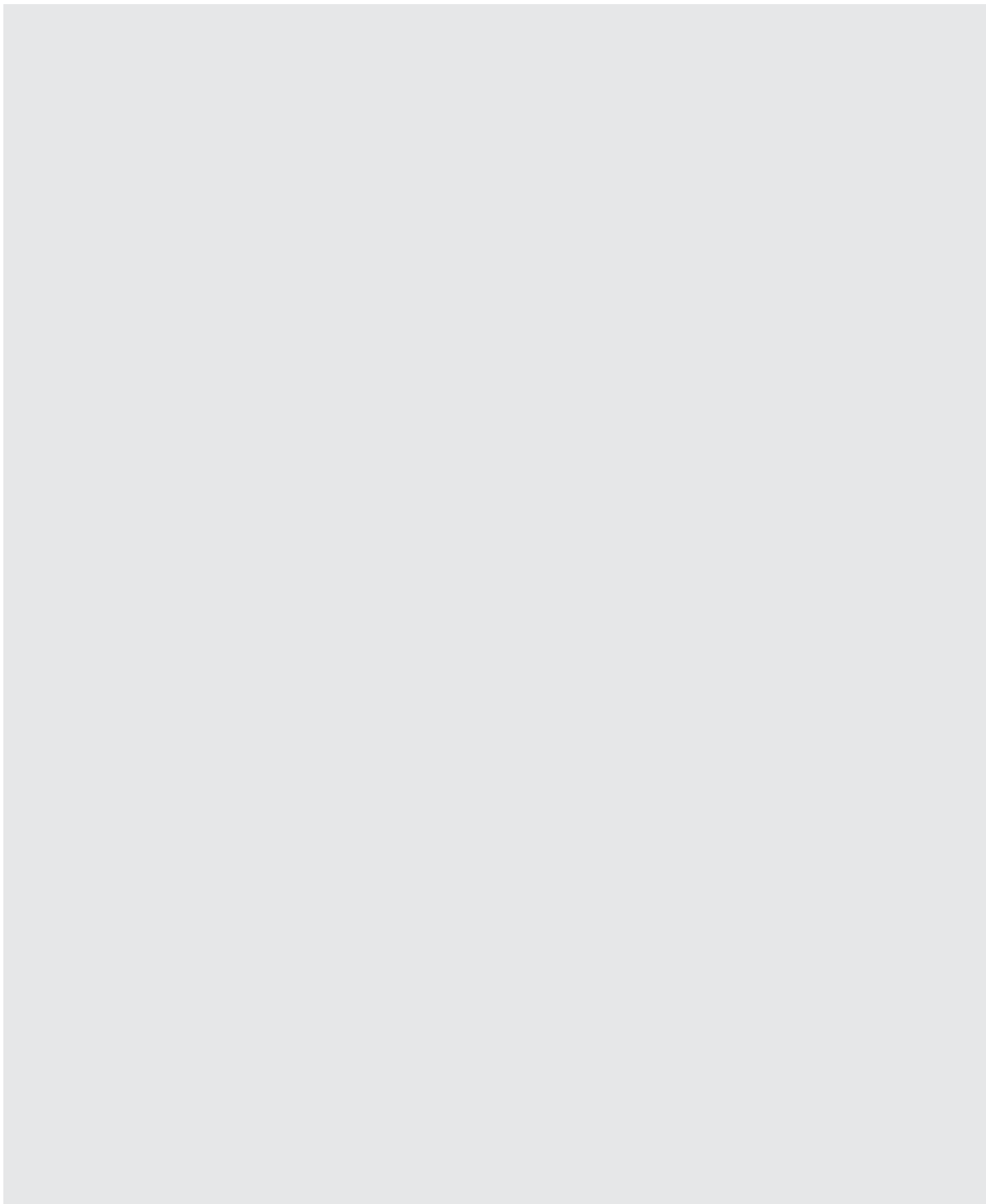
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Photos by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

*Airman 1st Class Wilbert Carter, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, holds a push-up position in front of the base fire department during his shift's physical training session.*

## Staying fit to serve, save lives

By Stephanie Ritter

355th Wing Public Affairs

Like many other units across Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Airmen at the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department participate in group physical training three times a week.

Among other things, the PT sessions include stretching, strength training and balance enhancement. The Airmen use this training to help them stay in shape so they can remain prepared to deploy. The regular physical training also helps them to remain fit in order to save the lives of those who call for their aid.



*Airmen of the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department stretch as part of their physical training routine.*

## Sports Shorts

### Sports, school physicals

Sports and school physicals begin Tuesday at the Davis-Monthan clinic. These physicals are good for the 2005 to 2006 Tucson Unified School District school year. There are a limited number of appointments available Monday through Friday and a few Saturdays available this summer. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 228-2778.

### Guard Start

The Indoor Fitness Pool will begin a program called Guard Start this summer. The program is for youth ages 11 to 14 years who are too young to get a Lifeguard License but who are interested in learning lifeguard basics. Each participant will receive Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/Automated External Defibrillator and First Aid certification. At the end of the program youth will be allowed to volunteer with the Outdoor Recreational Pool Staff and assist with lessons, recreational swimming and more. For more information, call Amy Dent at 228-0015.

### AFAF golf tournament

There is an Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign golf tournament March 24. The entry fee is \$30. For more information, or to sign up no

later than March 22, send an e-mail to [james.parker2@dm.af.mil](mailto:james.parker2@dm.af.mil).

### Patagonia Lake Fishing Trip

April 2 there is a fishing trip to Patagonia Lake. The cost of \$20 includes transportation, fishing rods and tackle. Fishing licenses are required. Participants should bring drinks, snacks and lunch and need to sign up no later than March 30. For more information, call 228-3736.

### Romero Pools Hike

This trip is April 9 and includes a 5.7 mile hike into the Catalina mountains. Once at the pools, hikers can relax and enjoy a dip. The cost of \$15 includes transportation and a guide. Participants should dress for the weather, bring plenty of water, food and sunscreen and should sign up by April 6. For more information, call 228-3736.

### Salt River Rafting

Raft through six Class 3 rapids and five Class 2 rapids April 10. No experience is needed as instruction is provided. Participants must be 12 years old. The cost of \$140 includes transportation, wet suits, rafting cost and lunch. Those interested should sign up by Wednesday. For more information, call 228-3736.

## Fitness Center Classes

The following list includes classes offered at both fitness centers with class fees if applicable. For more information, call 228-0021.

### Monday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - Fitness Center  
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC  
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner  
Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haeffner  
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner  
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - FC  
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - FC  
6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haeffner  
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 years plus) - FC

### Tuesday

Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner  
Noon to 1 p.m. - Shallow Water Aerobics - \$1.50 or \$25 for 20 classes - Outdoor Recreational Pool  
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - Haeffner  
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC  
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - FC  
6 to 7 p.m. - Tae Kwon Do, ages 5 to 17 - \$30 - Haeffner  
6 to 8 p.m. - Self Defense (Kyokushin) - \$25/month - FC

### Wednesday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - Haeffner  
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC  
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner  
Noon to 1 p.m. - Deep Water Aerobics - \$1.50 or \$25 for 20 classes - Outdoor Recreational Pool  
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner  
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - FC  
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) FC  
6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haeffner  
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - FC

### Thursday

Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner  
Noon to 1 p.m. - Shallow Water Aerobics - \$1.50 or \$25 for 20 classes - Outdoor Recreational Pool  
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC  
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - Haeffner  
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner  
6 to 7 p.m. - Tae Kwon Do, ages 5 to 17 - \$30 - Haeffner  
6 to 8 p.m. - Kyokushin - \$25/month - FC

### Friday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - FC  
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC  
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner  
Noon to 1 p.m. - Deep Water Aerobics - \$1.50 or \$25 for 20 classes - Outdoor Recreational Pool  
Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haeffner  
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, white and yellow belt) - FC  
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, orange belts and up) FC  
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - FC

### Saturday

10 to 11 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC

### Sunday

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC

### Fitness and Sports Center Pool

The indoor pool is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 228-0015.

### Outdoor Recreational Pool

The outdoor pool will be closed until May 1.

# 8-Ball Tournament proves successful for UDTF, Airmen

By Stephanie Ritter  
355th Wing Public Affairs

After a successful night of playing pool, an Airman from the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron walked away with a new cue-stick and an appreciation of base sponsored events.

Airman 1st Class Jacob O'Berry received the prize after winning the Feb. 24 8-Ball tournament.

Airmen O'Berry said he decided



to play in the tournament because he loves to play pool and he enjoys competition.

Once he arrived at the tournament, however, he was surprised by the extra bonuses offered.

"There was no entry fee, there were snacks and there were good prizes," Airman O'Berry said. "I won a (cue-stick) worth about \$130 that came with a nice case. I was surprised to receive a stick of this value (and) I am very happy with it."

The 8-Ball Tournament was sponsored by the base's Underage Drinking Task Force and the Company Grade Officers' Council.

"This event was one of many events that will be sponsored by the (UDTF) and various organizations across base," said Capt.

Caronwyn Jones, project officer for the 8-Ball Tournament "The events (will) give Airmen who

are either too young to drink, or who chose not to drink, something social to do."

And, according to Captain Jones, the UDTF's 8-Ball Tournament was a great success.

"We had about 40 people show up to help out, cheer on participants and just join in the fun," Capt. Jones said. "We had 11 individuals compete for the top prize of a cue-stick and then, the next three winners had their choice of prizes including three \$50 Game Stop gift certificates."

But Captain Jones said the prizes were not the best part of the evening.

"The best part of the event was the relaxed environment," Captain Jones said. "Everyone realized we were there to have fun and not to be 'hard core competitive'."

The next UDTF sponsored event will be a Final Four March Madness party.

## Basketball

### Monday/Wednesday under 30

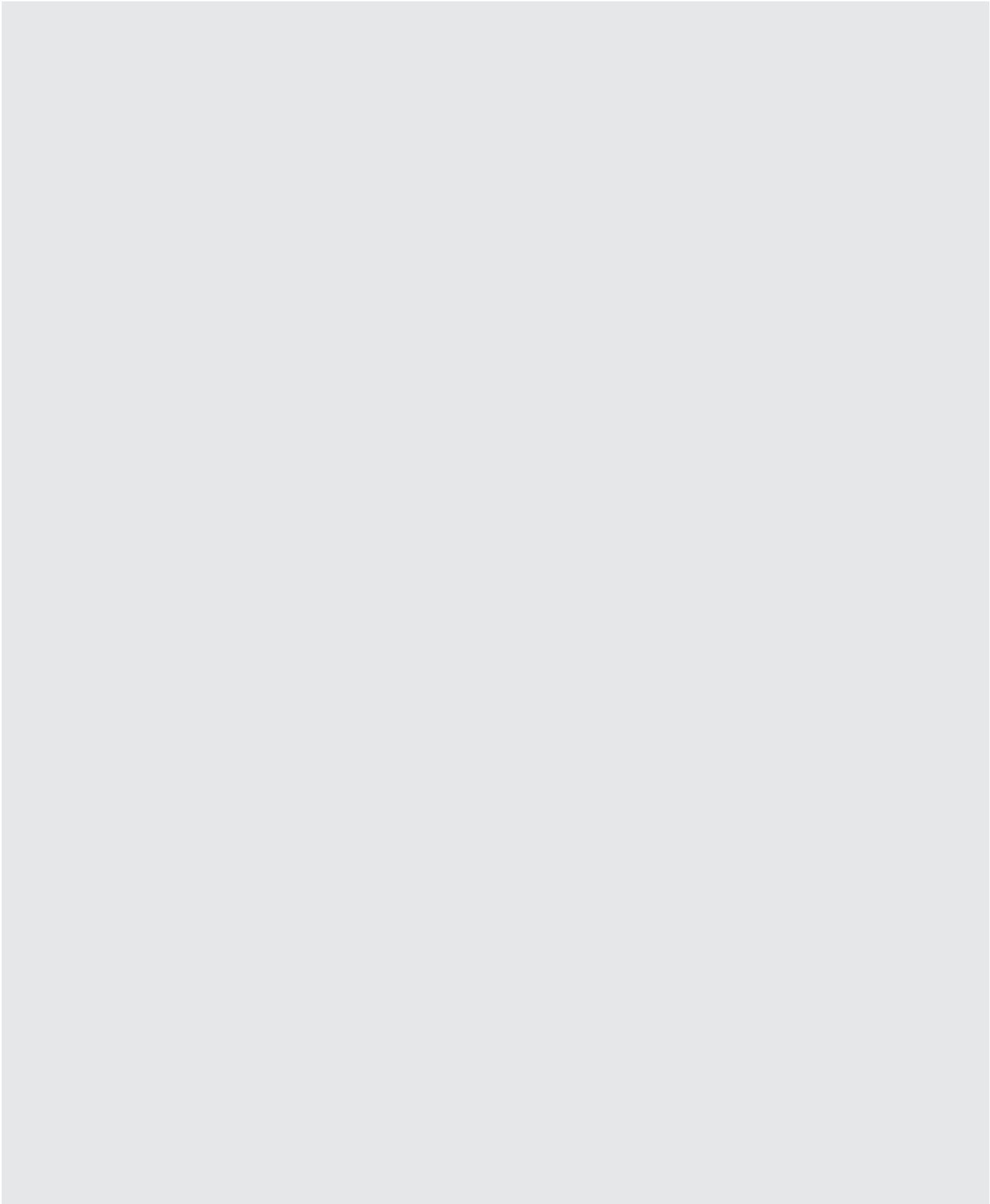
Team	W-L-T
355 AMXS 1	10-2-0
755 AMXS	10-2-0
ANG	8-2-0
CES	8-4-0
563 MXS 1	5-6-0
EMS	5-7-0
755 OSS	2-9-0
ARMY	2-10-0
41 ECS	1-9-0

### Tuesday/Thursday under 30

Team	W-L-T
SFS	10-2-0
LRS	9-3-0
CMS	8-4-0
SVS	6-4-0
355 OSS	5-4-0
DECA	5-5-0
355 AMXS 2	4-7-0
Med Gp	4-8-0
CS	3-7-0
563 MXS 2	0-10-0

### Over 30 teams

Congratulations to team SVS, the winner of the over 30 playoffs. In the final game of the playoffs, SVS beat team Med Gp. (**Editor's Note:** Information and scores current as of Tuesday.)





## Chapel Information

*Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.*

### Easter Catholic Mass schedule

**March 24:** Holy Thursday Mass at 7 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

**March 25:** Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m. Good Friday Service at 7 p.m. Both are at the Desert Dove Chapel.

**March 26:** Easter Vigil Mass is at 7 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

**March 27:** Easter Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

### Easter Protestant Services schedule

**March 24:** Seder Meal and Communion are at 6 p.m. at Hope Chapel

**March 25:** Good Friday Service is at 11:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel

**March 27:** Sunrise Services is at 6 a.m. on the lawn in front of the Desert Dove Chapel. Easter Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Easter Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel and the Easter Gospel/Inspirational Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel.

### First Saturday Mass

The First Saturday Mass will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Hope Sanctuary. Breakfast will follow in the Hope Annex. All are invited to attend. For more information, contact Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

### Catholic Women of the Chapel

The Catholic Women of the Chapel will meet March 10 at 6 p.m. in the Desert Dove Annex. Children's Ministry is available and all ladies are welcome. For more information, contact Donna Morgan at 574-2567

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are being prayed each Friday during Lent in the Desert Dove Sanctuary at 5 p.m. A meatless soup and bread supper follows in the Desert Dove Annex. All are invited to participate in this Lenten devotion.

## Education Services

### Update to Course 12

The senior NCO professional military exam Course 12 version 2.0 has been released. The new version is an update to version 1.1 using Macromedia Flash technology. The update is optional and does not affect current course materials. For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

### Career Key Web site

The Career Key is a free service to help individuals with career choices, career changes, career planning, job searches and choosing a college major or training program. It provides a professional career test which takes 10 minutes. The site is full of information to assist someone

in their career or educational goals. The Web site address is [www.careerkey.org/english/](http://www.careerkey.org/english/). For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812.

### Representative from U of A

The University of Arizona academic advisor will be available Monday from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 264. Walk ins and appointments are available. For more information, contact Judy Seger at 626-8201 or at [jseger@email.arizona.edu](mailto:jseger@email.arizona.edu).

### Study skills class

There will be a study skills class offered March 11 at 8 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 265. A minimum of five people must sign up or the class will be cancelled. For more information, or to sign up, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

### Commissioning briefings

The base will conduct two commissioning briefings in March. One will be March 15 at 10 a.m. and will cover Basic Officer Training and Air Force Academy Programs. The second briefing is March 24 at 2 p.m. and will cover Reserve Officer Training Corps and medical programs. For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

## Family Support Center

### Pre-separation Counseling

The Pre-separation Counseling class takes place at the D-M Family Support Center Tuesday and March 15 from 9 to 10 a.m. It is mandatory for departing Airmen and will acquaint them with services and agencies available to help with the transition to the civilian workforce. The class is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign up, call 228-5690.

### Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

### Resume, Interview workshops

These workshops are Wednesday in Building 3210 and will cover the basic information to help individuals prepare for their next job. The Resume Workshop is from 9 to 11 a.m. and the Interview Workshop is from noon to 2 p.m. To sign up, call 228-5690.

### Sponsorship Training

To learn how to make a great first impression for new members assigned to base, attend the D-M Family Support Center Sponsorship Class Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. in the Family Support Center Classroom, located in Building 3210. This class is required for sponsors and covers effective sponsorship and offers useful resources and information. To sign up, call 228-5690.

### CSB/Redux Briefing

Personnel who are at their 14 1/2 year mark are at the decision point to select Career Status Bonus/Redux or High-Three as their retirement plan. In order to make the best selection, attend the next briefing March 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the D-M Family Support Center Classroom, Building 3210. To sign up, call 228-5690.

## Happenings

### Focus on Patient Safety

Sunday through March 12 is National Patient Safety Awareness Week. The theme for this year is Focus on Patient Safety: Ask, Listen and Learn. An important part of ensuring safe health care is the involvement of the patient. During this week, patients are reminded of the importance of asking questions to understand exactly what their health care choices are and to think about risks, benefits and choices that are right for them. The Five Steps to Safer Health Care was developed to help patients be more proactive about their health care. The steps are:

- ◆ Speak up regarding questions or concerns.
- ◆ Keep a list of all medicines.
- ◆ Make sure to get the results of any test procedure.
- ◆ Talk with a doctor and health care team about options if hospital care is needed.
- ◆ Mark sure to understand what will happen if surgery is needed.

### Trip to Yellowstone

For those thinking of traveling to Yellowstone National Park this summer, Mountain Home Air Force Base has 13 trailers available for active-duty, retired military, Department of Defense civilians and dependents to rent. For more information, call (208) 828-6333.

### D-M Thrift Shop

The D-M Thrift Shop, located on Ironwood Street across from the bowling alley, is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with consignments closing at 1 p.m.

## Movies

### Renovations to theater

The D-M Base Theater is currently under construction as part of the overall Primera Vista construction upgrades being conducted at The Mirage Officers' Club and Conference Center. Improvements being made to the interior of the facility include an expansion of the lobby, new and larger men's and women's restrooms, a new concession area and the installation of a fire sprinkler system. The exterior is scheduled to receive a covered arcade on the north and west sides near the lobby, a sidewalk with night lighting and more. Construction is expected to be completed in September. During the project, no movies will be shown. However, the theater/auditorium portion will only be closed from May 11 through June 21. Military personnel interested in booking the auditorium for unit or squadron briefings should contact the Desert Lightning Community Center at 228-3717.

## Services Activities

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact Mr. Sweeney at 228-7352.

### Community center closures

Stormy's Cafe in the Desert Lightning Community Center will be closed March 14 through 18 for renovations. The Community Center will be closed March 18 through 20 for floor and carpet cleaning. For more information, call 228-3717.

### Community Center Bingo

The Desert Lightning Community Center will host Family Bingo Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. Kites will be given away as Bingo prizes.

In addition, the Community Center hosts Bingo games every Tuesday. Doors open for social hour at 5 p.m. and early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. During the Tuesday night games, participants can receive cash prizes and Jackpots from \$50 to \$1,000. For these games, players must be at least 18 years to participate. For more information, call 228-3717 or stop by the center in Building 4201.

### D-M CDC openings

The Davis-Monthan Child Development centers have openings for pre-toddlers from ages 1 to 2 years, toddlers from ages 2 to 3 years and preschool children from ages 3 to 5 years. For more information, call 228-6463 or 228-6465.

### Youth Easter Egg Hunt

The Desert Lightning Community Center and D-M Youth Center will host a Youth Easter Egg Hunt March 27 on the patio lawn of The Mirage Officers' Club. The hunt will be at different times depending on the ages of children. The time for children from 3 to 4 years is 9 a.m., for children from 5 to 6 years is 9:30 a.m., for children ages 7 to 9 years is 10 a.m. and for children ages 10 to 12 years is 10:30 a.m. For the hunt, children will be given a card with a design that matches one egg in the yard. Their job is to hunt for that one egg. This is not a race or a contest to gather as many eggs as possible. Instead, each child will receive an Easter gift treat bag. For more information regarding this event, call 228-8484.

### Shockwave Lounge theme nights

The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club's Shockwave Lounge offers D-M personnel a place to visit and enjoy the company of friends, co-workers or family members. The Shockwave is open Wednesday through Friday starting at 3 p.m. Each evening, the club offers patrons a special theme night.

Wednesday nights, the club opens the Shockwave doors for their "Wild About Wednesdays" night. Non-members are invited to come in and see what the club has to offer and enjoy their social hour food and draft or drink specials from 5 to 7 p.m.

Thursday night is the club's "Mug Night." Members can enjoy drink specials or bring in their own mug, up to a 32 ounces, and receive a choice of domestic draft or soda for \$1.75. For those who don't have a mug, the club can order an engraved 32 ounce glass mug for \$25.



Photo by Chris Sweeney

### D-M vet services

The Davis-Monthan Veterinary Treatment Facility is available to help the Desert Lightning community maintain their pet's health and keep their shots up-to-date. Services provided include vaccinations, zoonotic disease treatment, heartworm testing, leukemia testing, ear cleaning, health exams, microchip identification implants and health certificates. They also have a variety of products available to help pets stay healthy. The facility are open to anyone with a valid military identification

*Dr. Cami Curtis, Davis-Monthan Veterinary Treatment Facility vet, clips the two front teeth of a hamster that was donated to D-M's child development centers. During his visit to the facility, the hamster also received a full check-up and a certificate of health to ensure he was fit to be a classroom pet.*

card, which entitles them to governmental medical care. Reservists may use the facility only while on active-duty orders.

In addition, staff at the Veterinary Treatment Facility reminds all base housing residents that they must register their pets. This is a mandatory requirement in accordance with base housing rules.

The Veterinary Treatment Facility is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pets are seen by appointment only. For more information please call 228-3529.

On "T.G.I.F. Fridays" the club is open until 2 a.m. and there is no cover charge. A disc jockey will spin a variety of tunes for patrons.

In addition to the theme nights, the Shockwave offers all non-alcoholic drinks at half price to members under 21 years old. Those who are the designated driver will receive free soda all night. To receive the free drinks, pick-up a designated driver button at the door and show it to the bartender. During each theme night, membership applications will be available for those who wish to join. Any current member who brings in a new member is entered for a chance to win \$100 in Army Air Force Exchange Services gift cards as part of the clubs "Fishin' for Members" program. In addition, both the new and current member will receive Sunday Brunch for two. For more information, stop by or call The Desert Oasis at 228-3100 or 748-8666.

### Trips with ITT

Members of the Davis-Monthan community are invited to participate in the following trips, provided by Information, Travel and Tours. For more information regarding any of the following trips, or to sign up, call 228-3700.

### Nogales shopping rip

This trip to Nogales, a Mexican marketplace, is March 12. Participants must have proof of U.S. citizenship to cross the border. The cost of \$15 includes transportation. Those interested in participating should sign up today.

### Arizona Renaissance Festival

Explore an artisan marketplace, mingle and interact with nearly 2,000 costumed characters or savor a variety of fare at the 2005 Arizona Renaissance Festival March 20. Fest-goers will have access to twelve stages of music, comedy shows and demonstrations as well as a 4,500-seat arena for jousting tournaments and more. The cost of \$27 includes transportation and entry into the festival. Those interested should sign up by March 11.

### Universal Studios

This trip to Universal Studios Hollywood is April 15 through 17 and puts participants up close to where the magic of Hollywood happens. The cost of \$200 includes transportation and a hotel. Those interested should sign up no later than March 11. However, space is limited for this trip so everyone is encouraged to sign up as early as possible.

